

## Information Rights

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000** **Subject: Chatsworth Active Enclosure**

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### **Request**

I am writing for details of some information you may hold about Chatsworth Active Game Enclosure in E15. I believe this playground was built by Newham and was initially maintained by Newham, but at some point this passed to Swan Housing.

I would like to know:

- 1) Was this playground in fact built by Newham? When was it built, and who maintained it initially when built?
- 2) Who is currently responsible for the maintenance of this playground?
- 3) If maintenance/ownership passed to Swan Housing, when did this happen and is there any correspondence about why this happened? What conditions were placed on this transfer of maintenance or ownership?

-For example, did Swan Housing agree to maintain the playground in a specific manner?

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4) Is there any guidance on repainting, planting, etc in these conditions?

5) I would also appreciate other information you may hold about this playground that you might find in the process of answering my questions.

## Response

1) This playground was built by Newham. The date of the build is unknown. The playground was initially maintained by the London Borough of Newham.

2) Swan Housing Association

3) The management and maintenance of the playground was passed on to Swan Housing on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 under the PFI Project Agreement which is in place for 20 years. Swan agreed to ensure 'Play areas and play equipment to be safe, well maintained and fit for purpose'.

It is understood that Swan Housing ensure that the play area at Cruikshank is checked and litter picked every day. In addition, the hedges and weeds are cut back as and when required (there are no grassed areas there). There are also Housing officers who carry out bi-monthly inspections.

4) There is nothing specific in the agreement on guidance for repainting and planting for play areas, however Swan Housing Association often look for improvements across the Forest Gate PFI stock, in consultation with the local residents. If you have any suggestions you can raise this at the Resident Panel meeting.

5) Please see attached repair log sheet. Please note, any junior names and individual details have been redacted in line with Section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Please quote the FOI reference number provided above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be submitted to the contact details given above.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team at [InformationRightsTeam@newham.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRightsTeam@newham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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Newham Council